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**HILLCREST HEIGHTS MAN CONVICTED OF
CONSPIRACY TO KIDNAP MPDC OFFICER'S SON**

GREENBELT, Maryland -Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announces that today a federal jury convicted Lorenzo Anthony Wilson, age 22, of Hillcrest Heights, Maryland of conspiracy to kidnap Eric Larry Hayes, II, the son of a Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia officer, on January 3, 2002.

The 5 count indictment charged Wilson and two co-defendants, Kenneth Jamal Lighty, age 21, of Hillcrest Heights, Maryland and James Everrette Flood III, age 26, of Washington, D.C., with abducting Eric Larry Hayes II from the 3200 block of 8th Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. by forcing Hayes at gunpoint into a Lincoln. According to the indictment, the defendants then transported Hayes to Prince George's County, Maryland where they shot Hayes several times in the face, head and limbs, causing his death. The jury acquitted Wilson on charges of kidnaping and 3 counts of use of a firearm.

Wilson faces a maximum sentence of life in prison for the conspiracy to kidnap and is scheduled to be sentenced on June 8, 2005. Flood and Lighty are scheduled for trial on September

6, 2005.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of an extensive joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force, the Prince George's County Police Department, and the United States Attorney's Office with assistance from the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Deborah A. Johnston and Sandra Wilkinson.